

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AMANDA HOWARD,  
Plaintiff

v.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WELFARE, et. al.,  
Defendants

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CIVIL ACTION

NO. 11-1938

**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2011, upon consideration of defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiff's first amended complaint (Doc. No. 10) and plaintiff's response thereto (Doc. No. 13), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiff's first amended complaint (Doc. No. 10) is **GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART** in accordance with this Order:

1. Defendants' motion to dismiss Howard's FMLA, ADA, RA, § 1983 and state law PHRA claims is **DENIED**.
2. Defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiff's state law defamation and slander claims is **GRANTED**. The plaintiff's claims for defamation and slander are dismissed from Count V and are stricken from ¶ 183 of the amended complaint.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Lawrence F. Stengel  
LAWRENCE F. STENGEL, J.